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ARMISTICE DAY.

The News sincerely hopes that the sentiment it voiced against mixing politics with our celebration of Armistice Day is taken, by the committee in charge, in the spirit in which it was offered.

Our sole object in supposing that this was an unwise decision was to prevent any possible friction when it was too late to correct it. Assurances from men who were in service, as well as those who worked to win the war in civil life, assures us that we were right in suggesting that no political debates be authorized on that day as a part of the celebration.

Wind jamming between two politicians is anything else but a celebration. If we wanted to pull off something sensational merely for the purpose of attracting people from the country we might stage a prize fight, a bull fight or something similar.

The day should be sacred to all Americans, celebrated, or observed rather, by just tribute to the One on High, as well as tribute to our men who bore arms.

Happily, the incident is closed and the day will be observed becomingly in Palatka.

FOUL SLANDER.

It had to be. With all the political mud batteries in action, even Gen. Pershing could not hope to escape. To Oscar E. Bland, Republican, representing the Second District of Indiana at Washington, belongs the distinction of insinuating in debate that the Commander of the United States Armies in Europe was either negligent or cowardly. "I found him," he said, "90 miles from the front on July 19, 1918, when the Battle of Chateau-Thierry was at its height," adding that the General did not know much about the front.

The President has been held up to scorn as the dupe of foreign diplomats and the betrayer of the independence of his country. The League of Nations, when everybody acclaimed as one of the prime objects of the war, is now denounced as a diabolical contrivance. Great Britain and France, with whose troops our men fought shoulder to shoulder, are at present under suspicion and accusations that strangely no longer attach to Germany.

Nothing is so common as the vicious struggle for liberty and justice remains untarnished except the glorious record of the army and navy. What State is to produce the Congressman who will muck-rake that?

NEW LAW—NEW CRIMES.

It might be thought on reading the bill reported favorably at Washington by the Senate Judiciary Committee that there was not a word of law in Nation or State for the punishment of crime attributed to Anarchists and other public enemies. In this measure it is proposed to make felonies of many things that may not be such at all, and there is hardly a line of it that cannot be misapplied by prejudice or tyranny to innocent persons.

As usual in all such legislation, we have an elaborate provision excluding seditious publications from the mails. If the bill becomes a law this is the only part of it that will be enforced. The judge, jury and executioner in all cases being some irresponsible employee of the Post Office Department. To deprive a publisher or writer of postal facilities by arbitrary order is easy. To convict an Anarchist or other conspirator of actual crime is often difficult.

During the past year, bombs and other explosives have been planted in various parts of the country by desperadoes obviously acting in concert. If there had been any arrests and any evidence of guilt, it is to be supposed that no law could have been found for the prosecution of the culprits? There is law enough for crime. There is too much law already for what is not crime.

CURB EARLY SHIPPING.

There always has been and probably always will be a very decided inclination on the part of Florida growers to take advantage of the early prices for fruits. The evils of this early shipping are pointed out by Sales Manager George A. Scott, of the Florida Citrus Exchange, as follows:

"There is an abundant supply of native fruits. California and Michigan grapes in all Northern markets; in addition to which a larger offering than usual of California oranges exist. The natural result has been greater discrimination on the part of the buyer and a demand for fully ripened, well-matured goods at attractive prices. Green, immature and otherwise unattractive fruit is meeting with an indifferent demand; is more or less neglected and prices ranging low. This is especially true on the small size oranges and grapefruit. It emphasizes what has been repeatedly mentioned in the first part of the season, that only fully colored, well-matured fruit should be sent forward to the markets. This will create and stimulate a demand, while green, immature stock cannot fail to kill it.

HORROR OF PUBLIC EXECUTIONS.

There has been much discussion locally as to whether or not the execution of Nat Richardson, the convicted slayer of Conductor Ray Butts should not be made a public affair. It is surprising in these supposedly civilized times that men of vicious temperament will advocate such an exhibition open to the eyes of the young, or elders, for that matter.

Recently there was an execution in Ocala which was one of the most deplorable affairs under sanction of the law we have ever heard recounted. Such an occurrence here surely would not be contributory to the morals of the community or to the even temper of some few.

The trend of sentiment against capital punishment in any form is increasing in volume. It certainly is overwhelming against public executions, as it should be.

We feel quite sure that the officials of this county will go about the matter as quietly and with as much majesty as is due the proper administration of justice.

VACATE THE INJUNCTION.

Mr. Gompers and other labor leaders believe that if the injunction restraining leaders of the miners from directing the present strike is vacated it will pen the way to a settlement of the strike.

There is no doubt but that the Government, or rather, the courts, will readily agree to this. President Wilson undoubtedly would hasten, if he could, the vacating of the restraining order. Although some radical labor leaders were not satisfied with the President's statement on the strike situation, it is to be generally accepted as issued in the interest of the whole, and not of a few.

We believed from the first that the miner's strike would fail because it threw so many hundreds of thousands of union laborers out of employment from fuel shortage that it would be found working a greater hardship on the labor element than on anyone else.

People without sugar should watch their tempers.

Butter will be a dollar a pound by Christmas. Axle grease has shown no symptoms yet.

Beef drops on the Hoof—Headline. But you have to pull it down on the platter.

Some people seem to be afraid that we are celebrating peace too early with clouds hanging so low along the horizon. Pessimists can see anything.

Garibaldi is preparing a wrest Flume from d'Annunzio on the ground that the poet is holding it without rhyme or reason.

The promised inspection of telephone booths by the Department of Health may disclose more profanity than germs.

Tourists are in such a hurry to get to Florida that they are planning to fly here. With a coal strike on in the north it will soon be fly time.

Theodore Roosevelt became a member of the New York legislature and a father the same day. "Troubles come not like single spies, but in battalions."

Kentucky goes Republican. One of the indicator states. Perhaps the precedent established four years ago, however, will prevail.

Democratic gains were cut down in yesterday's elections, as a rule, which was to be expected in view of the public unrest and general discontent.

So far 220 women have declared themselves as municipal candidates in the London borough elections. At this rate, particularly as to the sex of candidates for office will soon cease, as no longer a novel condition.

Missouri sizes up well among the rice-growing States this year, a single farmer's 500-acre crop yielding a net profit of \$70,000. One of Nature's kindly efforts to compensate the Commonwealth for Senator Jim Reed.

Mexico is demanding American musical comedy for its entertainment. As to whether this fact indicates progress toward pacification or the contrary opinion, opinions may differ.

The widow of Russell Sage left an estate of \$49,000,000, the bulk of which is to be divided among fifty charitable organizations. The evil of a great fortune is neutralized when it is given to the poor.

We believe Crescent City is adopting the tactics Atlanta was charged with several years ago. Every time there was a chance to get in the limelight Atlanta did it. Now Crescent City is trying to have a strike.

The club woman who foresees "a naked generation" of feminine styles continue to grow in scantiness overlooks the certainty that furs at least will always be worn in summer.

East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet. But there are points of approximation in the accident near Tokio in which pilgrims in a Buddhist were run down and killed by an electric train.

Congress has suddenly become agitated because undesirable foreigners who preach resistance to the American Government and its constituted authorities have not been deported, but certain undesirable Congressmen have been doing pretty much the same thing and nothing has happened to them.

Oysters are selling in London at two for a quarter, announces the Palatka News as though it were telling something wonderful to us who have paid fifty cents for an oyster stew right here in Florida and found one and a half oysters in it.—Tampa Tribune. Good thing it was oyster stew, John.

The Herald had a lot of wire stuff this week about Senator Martin being sick and Senator Martin being able to sit up and take nourishment and Senator Martin being unable to read his paper and we confess that the Senator does not appear in the list of our acquaintances but he is probably all right and worth the money it takes to get his name in print by the wire route. We hope he is able to set out today for our expense account is growing.—Sanford Herald.

EUROPEAN CORN BORER IS A DEADLY MENACE

HAS APPEARED IN MANY PARTS OF AMERICA

State Plant Board Taking Steps to See It Does Not Invade Florida

GAINESVILLE, Nov. 5.—The European corn borer, discovered near Boston, Mass., in the fall of 1917, has spread so rapidly that it now infests more than 2,000 square miles of territory in the New England States and in New York.

Corn its favorite host plant and the borers tunnel through all parts of the plant except only the fibrous roots. Tassels are cut off, stalks weakened so that they break over in the slightest wind and cobs and ears are thoroughly riddled by the pest. In some instances destruction of the corn crop has been complete.

The insect is a voracious feeder and attacks almost every succulent plant. Already, in the vicinity of Boston, it has been found to attack forty-nine different kinds of plants, including grains, weeds, grasses and many vegetable plants.

The States of New York and Massachusetts have expended approximately \$100,000 in fighting the pest while the national government is now using a quarter of a million dollars in attempting to check its spread.

It is the opinion of entomologists and experienced inspectors connected with the State Plant Board of Florida that this pest, if established in Florida, would be more destructive than in New England, as it would have a longer season in which to develop and would develop more generations each year. It is likely that it would prove a very destructive enemy of sugar cane as it is very fond of all succulent plants of the grass family.

In order to prevent the introduction of this pest into Florida, the State Plant Board has adopted rules and regulations prohibiting the shipment into Florida, from the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York of all of the following materials any of which are capable of carrying the pest:

"All broom corn, corn, corn fodder, corn stalks and corn cobs; except shelled dry kernels of corn free from pieces of cobs and stems, corn meal, grits and flakes, and the cooked or preserved products of corn."

"All hay, straw, grass and dried stems, leaves or stalks of grasses and all succulent plants commonly known as weeds (regardless of whether used as feed, bedding or packing material)."

"All manure and litter of all kinds, except guano and commercial fertilizers."

"All aster, chrysanthemum, gladiolus, goldenrod, dahlia and sunflower plants and all parts thereof (including 'cut flowers' of these species and varieties), except seed and unsprouted bulbs free from soil."

"All succulent plants, including asparagus, bean, beet, carrot, cabbage, celery, grape, lettuce, pepper, potato, rhubarb, Swiss chard, spinach, tansy, tomato, cucumber plants and all parts thereof, except potato tubers, seed as such, and canned, cooked or preserved vegetables or fruit products."

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Spectacles.
The word is derived from the Latin "spectaculum," which means show, exhibition, display for the gratification of the eye, etc. The word easily accommodated itself to describe the glasses invented in the thirteenth century, some say by a Florentine monk named Alessandro di Spina, and others by Roger Bacon. They surely created a spectacle for persons long afflicted with defective sight.

Daily Thought.
Let us consider the reason of the case. For nothing is law that is not reason.—Sir John Powell.